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The Honorable M. Jodi Rell
Governor, State of Connecticut
Executive Chambers
State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06106

Governor Rell:

As you know, the state Bond Commission approved a bond authorization on Thursday, June 12, 2008 for the Waypointe Development in Norwalk.

The use of the taxpayer funds were earmarked for infrastructure design work of the redevelopment area encompassing Waypointe. Recently, I learned through the local media that the original intent has now changed.

If reports are correct, then the city is asking to broaden the language in which to use some or all of the five million dollar allocation. They will seek the change through the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and ultimately through the Bond Commission.

While I am not necessarily opposed to the change in language, I have not had the opportunity to fully understand the long-term ramifications of the request and how it may affect our strained borrowing position in Connecticut.

My request is a simple one. I respectfully ask you to postpone re-authorization until there is more time to digest the long-term effects and I've had the opportunity to reach out to the developer and Redevelopment Agency. I don't see this as a long-term delay, but in these difficult financial times, the use of all state funds must be scrutinized.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Duff".

Bob Duff
Connecticut Senate

CC: Secretary Robert Genuario, Secretary: Office of Policy and Management
Commissioner Joan McDonald, Commissioner: Department of Economic and Community Development